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golf might be in Hastings. Volleyball used to be in Scottsbluff years ago. They changed that. But headquarters of Nebraska School Activities Association is in Lincoln, high-paying jobs in Lincoln. There are all of these dollars flowing to Lincoln and I just have extreme reservation putting into the State Constitution the...how these dollars are spent relating to the lottery, but perhaps we need to have language in the constitution relating to supporting compulsive gambling prevention, and we can visit that on some other issues as well. But, again, I hope that we, as a body,...last year, now we passed a lodging tax over my objection but we passed it and there are dollars out there. Would the county of Lancaster consider using those lodging tax dollars for the State Fair, because I believe the lodging tax dollars also applies to RV parks? So are local efforts exhausted? Are local resources exhausted? Because I would speculate that if such time would occur...

SENATOR VRTISKA: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...that there was an RFP to host the State Fair and maybe we wanted to rotate it around the state, but if there was an RFP to host the State Fair, I'll bet we would see some local communities ante up, Senator Aguilar. Perhaps Grand Island would ante up. Perhaps Scotts Bluff County, we have a great facility at the Scotts Bluff County Fair. There is a lot of local effort there, too, by the city of Mitchell who hosts the fair because Scottsbluff and Gering, who's in Scotts Bluff County, are not hosting the fair but there is a local effort there made by the city of Mitchell that I don't think is matched here at the local level that certainly could take place. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Thompson. Landis amendment to the General Affairs amendment.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I do support the Landis amendment but want to talk about it in its relationship to the committee amendment and the rest of the bill. And I think we have a number of real serious issues to discuss here in a number of categories, and I want to